

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, and 12-20 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, and 12-20 stand finally rejected.

No claims have been amended in this response.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-9, 12 and 14-20 stand rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,867,226 ("Wehmeyer") in view of US2002/0073425 ("Arai") and US 6,925,650 ("Arsenault"). This rejection is respectfully traversed, as the combination proposed by the Examiner does not provide all of the limitations of at least independent claims 1 and 8.

Claim 1 recites, inter alia:

"others of the at least two programs are also displayed under the dedicated channel directly in response to highlighting the only one of the at least two programs"

None of the references discloses this limitation. In particular, none of the references discloses display "directly in response to highlighting the only one of the at least two programs." The Examiner takes the position that Arsenault discloses the display of additional programs directly in response to highlighting the one program at Fig. 9 and col. 20, lines 13-17. However, Arsenault states, at col. 20, lines 13-17, the following:

"Selecting the second option ("Other programs similar to this one") from the information window 214 will cause the receiver 132 to display in the information window 214 a list of programs that are similar to the program currently highlighted in the grid 202."

The second option is in fact the second option displayed after the user selects the category option 215E (col. 20, lines 1-3). Thus, in Arsenault, the additional program options are displayed after the steps of highlighting of the program, selection of the Find category button 215E, and then the step of selection of the second option from the information window 214. Thus, Arsenault does not teach display of others of the programs directly in response to highlighting of a program. Rather, Arsenault requires at least two additional steps between highlighting of a program and the display of additional programs.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record.

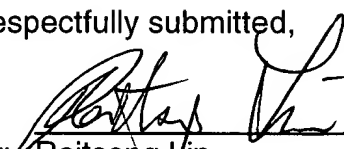
Claim 8 similarly contains the limitation "others of the at least two programs are also displayed under the dedicated channel directly in response to highlighting the only one of the at least two programs" and thus is allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

Respective dependent claims 2-5, 7, 18-20 and 9-12, 14-17, are patentable at least in view of their dependence on the allowable independent claims.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to
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